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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, TRD

THRU: DEPUTY CHIEF, TRD

SUBJECT: Seminar on Psychological Warfare to be Given by

REFERENCE: Memo dtd 23 December 1950 from Acting Chief, FE to Chief, Staff II on subject and Memo dtd 30 December 1950 from Chief, Staff II to Chief, TRD re same

1. The attached project presents an interesting proposal which should be seriously considered in view of reputation in the field of Psychological Warfare. An analysis of the project leads to several considerations which should be taken into account in any decision on the proposal.

a. Any seminar which is to prepare staff officers for any clandestine task of OPC and to qualify them to meet the operational requirements of that Office should be conducted within the framework and limitations of the clandestine mission, functions, policy, and operational methods of OPC if it is to be of practical value. The same principle applies to the field of clandestine Psychological Warfare.

b. The doctrine to be taught in such a seminar would require coordination with Staff I, OPC.

c. Utilization of non-CIA staff personnel for purposes of training in any field of activities can be only effective if CIA exercises full direction and complete control of the instruction.

d. From a training viewpoint it should also be considered that no matter how expert an instructor is he cannot project his knowledge and abilities in the necessary detail unless he is available on a full time basis. This applies particularly to specialized problems of clandestine operations. Exceptions to this principle are possible of course.

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2. In view of the above considerations it is recommended that:

25X1A9A a. Prior to approval of the project as attached, [] be approached for clarification as to whether he intends to conduct his seminar under the direction and control of CIA and within the framework and limitations of the clandestine mission, functions, policy, and operational requirements of OPC.

25X1A9A b. [] be requested to submit a more detailed outline of the projected seminar course for purposes of doctrine coordination with Staff I, OPC and program approval by Staff II, OPC.

25X1A9A c. With respect to Paragraph 2 of the memorandum by Staff II, OPC, TRD accept the responsibility for the organization and conduct of the course only if it is understood by [] as well as by Staff II, OPC that the full direction of the training program and complete control for the instruction will rest with TRD.

25X1A9A 3. In the event that TRD be charged with the responsibility for the seminar it is furthermore recommended that this seminar be coordinated with other training courses and phases as relevant to clandestine Psychological Warfare operations in order to avoid conflict in doctrine and duplication of efforts. Some aspects of [] project are presently provided in other TRD courses. In addition, TRD is preparing and planning to conduct an Advanced Specialized Training Course on clandestine Psychological Warfare operations for the first time in February, the course to be of two weeks' duration and conducted on a full time basis. It is intended that this course be conducted as frequently as the operational requirements of OPC would demand. The coordination of [] seminar course with other TRD instruction would possibly result in a shortening of his seminar.

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Chief, Staff Training Branch

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Attachments:

Reference Memoranda (2)

cc: Chief, ASTS

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